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**VIA FACSIMILE (202-219-3923)  
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Jeff S. Jordan  
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 Federal Elections Commission  
 Washington, DC 20463

**Re: *Miller for Senate v. Alaskans Standing Together*  
 MUR # 6403  
 Our File No. 4079.23309**

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We represent Senator Lisa Murkowski and the Lisa Murkowski for U.S. Senate Committee ("LMUSSC") in connection with the above matter. We are responding to your letters of October 28, 2010, to Senator Murkowski and Joseph M. Schierhorn, Treasurer, LMUSSC.

We request an extension of 20 days to respond the letter. We make this request because of ongoing post election matters. As you know, the election was held in Alaska on November 2, 2010. Senator Murkowski was a write-ins candidate. The process of reviewing absentee and questioned ballots is ongoing. Those ballots are being counted. In addition, there are some 83,000 write-in votes which must be hand counted to determine the outcome of the election. That process will begin on November 10 and is expected to take several days. We are heavily involved in those post election matters and simply will not have the time to respond by the deadline in your letters. A 20-day extension will allow us.

Secondly, the complaint does not name either Senator Murkowski or the LMUSSC as a respondent. The complaint names only an independent entity, Alaskans Standing Together ("AST") and various alleged donors to that independent entity. We understand that AST was formed to make independent expenditures in connection with the Alaska 2010 Senate race. Its activities were completely separate and independent of the activities of the LMUSSC. The complaint does not allege any coordination between LMUSSC and AST. Indeed, there was no coordination. AST operated completely independent of LMUSSC. Donations made to AST

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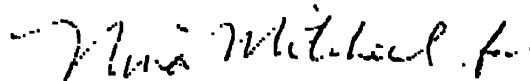
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were not donations to LMUSSC. Expenditures made by LMUSSC were not in-kind donations to LMUSSC. The donors named in the complaint are corporations and they did not make any donations to LMUSSC. AST made no contributions to LMUSSC.

Because the complaint does not allege wrongdoing on the part of LMUSSC or the candidate it supported, it is unclear why our clients have been asked to respond to the allegations. We request that the Commission staff provide us with an explanation of why we were asked to respond to a complaint that does not name our clients as respondents.

Very truly yours,



Timothy A. McKeever

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cc: Scott Kendall

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